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Allocation of agenda items to the Fifth Committee

Note by the Secretariat

1. At the 2nd plenary meeting of its seventy-second session, held on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly took decisions pertaining to the allocation of agenda items (see A/72/252), including to the Fifth Committee (see annex).

2. The Committee's attention is drawn to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the report of the General Committee (A/72/250 and Corr.1) concerning the agenda of the Main Committees and to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the same report. Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Fifth Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [item 115]:
   - (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;
   - (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;
   - (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;
   - (d) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission:
     - (i) Appointment of members of the Commission;
     - (ii) Designation of the Vice-Chair of the Commission;
   - (e) Appointment of members of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee.
3. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 121].
4. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [item 133]:
   - (a) United Nations;
   - (b) United Nations peacekeeping operations;
   - (c) International Trade Centre;
   - (d) United Nations University;
   - (e) Capital master plan;
   - (f) United Nations Development Programme;
   - (g) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
   - (h) United Nations Children's Fund;
   - (i) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
   - (j) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
   - (k) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
   - (l) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;
   - (m) United Nations Population Fund;
   - (n) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;
   - (o) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
   - (p) United Nations Office for Project Services;
   - (q) United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);

(r) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

(s) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

(t) International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals;

(u) United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

5. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [item 134].

6. Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 135].

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10. Pattern of conferences [item 139].

11. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [item 140].

12. Human resources management [item 141].

13. Joint Inspection Unit [item 142].

14. United Nations common system [item 143].

15. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [item 144].

16. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [item 145].

17. Administration of justice at the United Nations [item 146].

18. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [item 147].

19. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals [item 148].

20. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [item 149].

21. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei [item 150].

22. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic [item 151].

23. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire [item 152].

24. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus [item 153].

25. Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [item 154].

26. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [item 155].

27. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti [item 156].

28. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [item 157].

29. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia [item 158].

30. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali [item 159].

31. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [item 160]:

    (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

    (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

32. Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan [item 161].

33. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [item 162].

34. Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur [item 163].

35. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009) [item 164].

36. Financing of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti [item 165].

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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019

Administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to the General Assembly (A/72/383) contains the overall administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund for the biennium 2018-2019 that have financial implications for the programme budget of the United Nations. In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, the present report identifies the financial implications for the regular budget should the Assembly adopt the recommendations submitted to it in the report of the Board.

The additional appropriation that would be required under the regular budget for the biennium 2018-2019, arising from the recommendations of the Board, is estimated at $51,700, after recosting.

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I. Introduction

1. In the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, provisions are made under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, for the participation of the United Nations in the costs of the secretariat of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

2. In paragraph 1.47 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 1)), it is indicated that, at the time of the preparation of the programme budget proposals, the Fund's budget for the biennium 2018-2019 had not been finalized and that, when finalized, it would still be subject to review by the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the General Assembly and that implications for the regular budget, if any, of the action to be taken by the Board and the decision by the Assembly in connection with the budget proposals of the Fund for the biennium 2018-2019 would be the subject of a statement of programme budget implications that would be submitted to the Assembly during its consideration of the report of the Board.

3. In the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, an amount of $14,485,400 ($14,501,200 at 2018-2019 rates), corresponding to the amount in the revised appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017, is included as the regular budget share of the costs to be reimbursed by the United Nations for the central secretariat of the Fund, and $7,784,000 to be reimbursed by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund.

II. Implications for the United Nations of the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

4. According to the report of the Board (A/72/383), the overall resources amounting to $22,881,900 (at 2018-2019 rates) represent the United Nations share in the administrative and audit costs relating to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, based on one third of specific elements of the administrative budget of the Fund.

5. In accordance with established procedures, the overall amount of $22,881,900 (at 2018-2019 rates) would be shared among the regular budget of the United Nations and the funds and programmes. As reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, the amount of $14,485,400 ($14,501,200 at 2018-2019 rates) would be the share of the regular budget, and $7,784,000 would be the share of the funds and programmes.

6. Based on the latest information on the number of participants in the Fund, contained in annex IV to the report of the Board, the share of the regular budget in the United Nations portion would be 63.6 per cent and the share of funds and programmes would be 36.4 per cent. With the application of this rate to the overall amount of $22,881,900, the share of the regular budget amounts to $14,552,900 (at 2018-2019 rates), and the share of funds and programmes amounts to $8,329,000. Taking into account that a provision of $14,501,200 (at 2018-2019 rates) is already included under section 1 of the proposed programme budget, an additional requirement in the amount of $51,700 (at 2018-2019 rates) would be required under section 1 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019. The additional requirement of $51,700 represents the difference between the preliminary estimate of the regular budget share ($14,501,200 at 2018-2019 rates), and the revised share ($14,552,900 at 2018-2019 rates).

III. Action required of the General Assembly

7. **Should the General Assembly approve the proposals and recommendations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, the overall requirements for the biennium 2018-2019 that would arise for the United Nations are estimated at $22,881,900 (at 2018-2019 rates). Of those requirements, the share of the regular budget would amount to $14,552,900 and the balance of $8,329,000 would be reimbursed to the United Nations by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund.**

8. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly endorse the proposals of the Board, an additional appropriation of $51,700 would be required under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019. That amount would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

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Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2017**

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Summary

The present statement, submitted pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, describes the administrative and financial implications arising from the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission for the common system that call for decisions by the General Assembly, in particular for the programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2016-2017 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019. In the interest of providing comprehensive information, the statement also describes the implications for the budgets of peacekeeping operations for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 peacekeeping financial periods. In addition, the statement presents the implications of recommendations of the Commission to the executive heads of the participating organizations, related to the conditions of service of the General Service and other locally recruited categories.

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** An advance version of the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2017 (A/72/30) was used in the preparation of the present statement.

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Should the General Assembly approve the recommendations of the Commission, the resource requirements arising from those recommendations are estimated at $1,787,900 under the programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2016-2017 and would be addressed, as necessary, in the context of the second performance report for that biennium. The financial implications for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 are estimated at $4,534,300 and would be addressed in the context of the revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation for the period. The resource requirements for peacekeeping operations for the financial periods 2017/18 and 2018/19 are estimated at $8,419,900 and $8,436,300, respectively, and would be taken into account, as necessary, in the context of the performance reports for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and in the context of the upcoming proposed budgets for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

I. Introduction

1. The annual report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2017 (A/72/30) contains decisions and recommendations giving rise to financial implications for the programme budget of the United Nations, starting with the biennium 2016-2017, and the budgets of peacekeeping operations starting with the financial period 2017/18, related to the following issues:

(a) Remuneration of the Professional and higher categories: base/floor salary scale, in respect of separation payments;

(b) Remuneration of the General Service and other locally recruited categories: survey of best prevailing conditions of employment in Vienna, and adjustment of dependency allowances based on the new salary scale;

(c) Conditions of service in the field: danger pay.

II. Remuneration of the Professional and higher categories

Base/floor salary scale (in respect of separation payments)

2. The concept of the base/floor salary scale was introduced, with effect from 1 July 1990, by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/198 (sect. I.H, para. 1). The scale is set by reference to the General Schedule salary scale of the comparator civil service, currently the federal service of the United States of America. Periodic adjustments are made on the basis of a comparison of net base salaries of United Nations officials at the established reference point of the scale (P-4, step VI) with the corresponding base salaries of their counterparts in the United States federal civil service (step VI in grades GS-13 and GS-14, with a weight of 33 per cent and 67 per cent, respectively).

3. In its resolution 70/244, the General Assembly approved a unified salary scale, with effect from 1 January 2017. Subsequently, a 1 per cent increase in the base General Schedule scale of the comparator civil service was implemented with effect from 1 January 2017. In addition, changes with respect to tax rate schedules and deduction amounts were introduced for 2017, at the federal level and for the District of Columbia, as explained in paragraphs 92 and 93 of the report of the Commission for 2017.

4. The Commission recommends to the General Assembly, for approval with effect from 1 January 2018, an increase of 0.97 per cent in the base/floor salary scale for the Professional and higher categories. The proposed salary scale is shown in annex VII to the report of the Commission for 2017.

5. The Commission noted that an increase in the base/floor salary of 0.97 per cent as at 1 January 2018 would be implemented through the standard no-loss/no-gain procedure, namely, by increasing the base/floor salary scale and commensurately decreasing post adjustment multipliers. The Commission also recalled that, while generally cost neutral in terms of net remuneration, the base scale adjustment procedure would have implications in respect of separation payments.

6. The financial implications in respect of separation payments associated with the Commission's recommendation on an increase of the base/floor salary scale of Professional and higher categories were estimated by the Commission at approximately $421,000 per annum, system-wide. In this regard, the financial implications for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 are estimated at an increase of $99,000 for the United Nations. The financial

implications for peacekeeping operations are estimated at $16,400 for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and at $32,800 for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

III. Remuneration of the General Service and other locally recruited categories

Survey of the best prevailing conditions of employment in Vienna

7. On the basis of the methodology for surveys of best prevailing conditions of employment of the General Service and other locally recruited staff at headquarters and similar duty stations (survey methodology I), the Commission conducted a survey in Vienna, with a reference date of April 2017. The new salary scale and the revised dependency allowances for the General Service category of the organizations of the common system in Vienna, as recommended by the Commission to the executive heads of the Vienna-based organizations, are reproduced in annex IX to the report of the Commission for 2017.

8. The recommended salary scale for the Vienna-based organizations shown in annex IX is 3.3 per cent higher than the current scale.

9. The financial implications associated with the implementation of the new salary scale for the General Service category in Vienna, as well as the revised dependency allowances are estimated at $3.4 million per annum, system-wide, and at $391,000 for the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 and $710,400 for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019. There are no financial implications related to peacekeeping operations, as there are no peacekeeping-funded staff based in Vienna.

IV. Conditions of service in the field

Danger pay: methodology for adjustment and review of level of allowance

10. In the context of the comprehensive review of the United Nations common system compensation package, the Commission had decided on the review cycle of the level of allowances under its purview, in accordance with the schedule outlined in annex IV to its annual report for 2016 (A/71/30). The level of danger pay is to be reviewed every three years, starting in 2017. The Commission also decided to request its secretariat to put forward options to address the methodology for the adjustment of danger pay for both categories of staff.

11. For locally recruited staff, the Commission decided to update the reference year of the applicable General Service salary scales from those in effect in 2012 to those in effect in 2016 and apply 30 per cent to the net midpoint of these scales.

12. Taking into account the above adjustment, the financial implications associated with the Commission's recommendation on the revised level of danger pay are estimated at $17.4 million per annum, system-wide, representing an increase of approximately $1,396,900 for the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017, and $3,724,900 for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019. The financial implications for peacekeeping operations are estimated at $8,403,500 for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and at $8,403,500 for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

V. Conclusions and recommendations

13. The financial implications arising from the decisions and recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission are summarized, as follows:

(a) The financial implications for the programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2016-2017 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 are estimated at $1,787,900 and $4,534,300, respectively;

(b) The financial implications for the budgets of peacekeeping operations for the financial periods 2017/18 and 2018/19 are estimated at $8,419,900 and $8,436,300 respectively.

14. Should the General Assembly approve the recommendations of the Commission:

(a) Requirements for the biennium 2016-2017 for the United Nations will be addressed, as necessary, in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2016-2017, as appropriate, and requirements for the biennium 2018-2019 will be taken into account in the context of the revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation for the period;

(b) Requirements for the budgets for peacekeeping operations will be addressed, as necessary, in the context of the performance reports for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and in the context of the upcoming proposed budgets for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

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Corrigendum

1. Summary

The second paragraph *should read*

Should the General Assembly approve the recommendations of the Commission, the resource requirements arising from those recommendations are estimated at $391,000 under the programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2016-2017 and will be addressed, as necessary, in the context of the second performance report. The financial implications for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 are estimated at $4,534,300, and will be addressed in the context of the revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation for the period. The resource requirements for peacekeeping operations for the financial periods 2017/18 and 2018/19 are estimated at $4,218,100 and $8,436,300, respectively, and will be taken into account, as necessary, in the context of the performance reports for the period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and in the context of the upcoming proposed budgets for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

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2. Paragraph 12

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12. Taking into account the above adjustment, the financial implications associated with the Commission's decision on the revised level of danger pay are estimated at $17.4 million per annum, system-wide, representing an increase of approximately $3,724,900 for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019. The financial implications for peacekeeping operations are estimated at $4,201,800 for the financial period from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and at $8,403,500 for the financial period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

3. Paragraph 13

For the existing text *substitute*

13. **The financial implications arising from the decisions and recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission are summarized as follows:**

(a) **The financial implications for the programme budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2016-2017 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 are estimated at $391,000 and $4,534,300, respectively;**

(b) **The financial implications for the budgets of peacekeeping operations for the financial periods 2017/18 and 2018/19 are estimated at $4,218,100 and $8,436,300 respectively.**